

Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

Pension Bureau

The many friends of Howard O. Fritts, of the medical division, were shocked and deeply grieved to learn of the sudden death of his young wife, Annie Carroll Fritts, on August 8. Mrs. Fritts had been an invalid for several years, suffering from disease of the heart, and on the evening preceding her death, she had seemed cheerful and uncomplaining, but she passed away during the early morning apparently without a struggle. Mr. Fritts is left with two young children and earnest sympathy is extended him in his great affliction.

Personal Notes.

Miss Marguerite E. Middleton, of 111 E street northeast, the daughter of Col. John Middleton, of the Western division, has gone to Atlantic City to spend the balance of the month, after which she will visit friends in Philadelphia, Pa., and Westville, N. J.

Capt. J. Tyler Powell, of the record division, has returned from his leave looking ten years younger.

Maj. E. P. Halstead, of the Western division, is off for a trip to Minneapolis, Minn., Iowa and Missouri.

Mrs. Miller, of the Western division, is on leave for a week.

D. J. Waters started yesterday with his family for a thirty days' sojourn in the Adirondacks, in search of recreation and health.

W. W. Armstrong, of the Eastern division, is at his old home, in Mifflin county, Pa. His health is very poor.

Grafton Tyler, of the Eastern division, is away on sick leave.

Mr. Weaver, of the Eastern division, with Mrs. Weaver, is spending his vacation at Atlantic City.

Miss Crandall, of the Eastern division, with a party of friends, have gone for a trip to Old Point and Jamestown Island.

Col. John R. King, United States Pension Agent and Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is off for an extended trip West. He will attend the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Minneapolis, after which he will visit the Yellowstone Park and other points in the far West. Colonel King will return in time to supervise the September payment of pensions.

Miss Mary E. Hammond leaves this week for her annual jaunt to Atlantic City.

Mrs. Sudie Pratt, of the Western division, has been absent a few days from sickness.

Miss Cornelia Scott, of the Western division, left this week for an extended annual leave.

William McKinley Cobb and L. R. Finney have been assigned to duty in the widow's section, Western division.

J. Herschel Cooper has been placed in charge of the files of the Southern division, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Edgar J. Perry, who had held the position for many years.

George Reges, messenger of the Western division, has returned from his outing with the National Guard at Mt. Gretna, looking improved by hard drills.

Charles Harding, detailed from the board of review for messenger duty in the Western division, has been a faithful worker, and returns to his own division leaving a very nice impression by his courtesy and dignity.

Miss Mary E. Clements, who is still a patient at the George Washington University Hospital, was a visitor in the bureau recently, but she is far from well.

Hugh Kenelpp, of the Western division, has returned to duty after military leave with the National Guard at Mt. Gretna. Press notices tell of the

hardships experienced in the camp this year, from rain and other discomforts, but Mr. Kenelpp shows no bad effects.

Mrs. Caddis L. Wright, of the mail division, has returned to duty after a serious illness.

William W. Curry, of the board of review, is at Atlantic City for two weeks.

William A. Paul is acting chief of the invalid section board of review in the absence of Captain McCauley.

Col. F. D. Stephenson, of the board of review, who has been dangerously ill at his home in Herndon, Va., is out again. His friends hope for his early and entire recovery.

John B. Ward, of the special examination division, is at his desk again after a severe attack of rheumatism.

Alexander K. Weeks, of the board of review, is away taking his annual vacation at his old home in Tennessee.

Miss Fanny Beall, of the board of review, has returned to her desk from sick leave.

Morris Thorne, of the board of review, is on sick leave.

Capt. James A. McCauley, chief of the invalid section of the board of review, is spending his vacation on the coast of Maine.

George A. L. Merrifield, of the board of review, has returned to his desk. His many friends regret to learn of the continued illness of Mrs. Merrifield.

John H. Bell, of the board of review, is at Atlantic City. He is accompanied by Mrs. Bell and Miss Janie Bell.

William R. H. Alexander, of the board of review, returned to his desk after an enforced absence on account of sickness.

Pierce H. Stage, of the board of review, is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Miss Edith Quackenbush, of the board of review, is spending her vacation at Atlantic City.

Dr. Warner Holt, of the medical division, is on annual leave at Virginia Beach, Va.

John Grulstead, of the board of review, is on annual leave visiting in Iowa.

James M. Torbett, chief of files of the board of review, has returned to his desk from a visit to Ocean Grove.

Franklin J. Robinson, of the board of review, is away on annual leave.

Col. Milton S. Roberts, of the board of review, has returned to his desk after a three weeks' vacation spent in Maine.

C. Grant Birdswell, of the board of review, is on annual leave visiting relatives in New York State.

A. D. Albert, of the board of review, is visiting his old home in Centerville, Pa. He is accompanied by Mrs. Albert.

Thomas B. Pelter, of the record division, with his family, is at Colonial Beach for a stay of two weeks. The regular monthly meeting of the Annapolis Club has been omitted by reason of his absence, but the club will be the gainer by the stock of fish stories he will bring home.

Miss Josephine Blake, of the record division, has been absent from her desk for several days by reason of sickness.

Mrs. Annie D. Nolan, of the record division, is spending her vacation at Wade's Point, on Chesapeake bay, and to her friends in the office she reports fishing, crabbing, and boating galore.

Napoleon Gates, of the record division, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, has so improved that he hopes to be back at his desk within the next week.

Census Bureau

By the last of August the agents of the Census Bureau will have well under way the work of collecting the statistics relating to divorce. The statistics are collected for the past twenty years, and the agents must examine the records at each county seat back to 1887. The assignments to the larger cities have been made and the statistics gathered there previous to taking up the smaller places, and the work is rapidly getting under way. New York city is in charge of Charles W. Hawes, with a force of about thirty clerks. Oscar W. Pond left for Chicago early in the week to take charge of a force of about twenty-five clerks to assist in the work. Linn Murphy has charge of Boston; John Penn Morris will be in charge of Baltimore; John Mitchell has charge of Philadelphia, and has a force of clerks already at work; Charles Williams has Indianapolis, Stephen Booth is in St. Louis; James D. Boyle is at work in Buffalo; J. D. Simpson is in Pittsburgh; Charles H. LeRoy has Providence; John Day is in Worcester; Horace Cole is in Bridgeport; John Urbanowicz has Cleveland; "Josh" Billings has Louisville; Harry Feder has Columbus; G. H. Granger goes to Minneapolis and St. Paul; George W. Newton is in Kansas City, and J. W. McDaniels has charge of Cincinnati.

Misses Hall and Prudy, of the manufactures' division, left Wednesday for Boston, where they have been assigned to census office work.

A. L. Vandercreek, of the manufactures' division, who underwent a successful operation at the Emergency Hospital some time ago, returned to his desk during the week.

Harry Clark, of the agriculture division, has returned to the office after an absence of several days on account of illness.

William F. Matteson, formerly an employee of the Census Bureau, was in

the office Tuesday shaking hands with his many friends.

E. H. Troup is spending a month's vacation at his home in Ohio.

C. H. McHugh was absent from his desk during the week because of illness.

Captain Daugherty, of the watch, is on duty again, after a four weeks' vacation at his home.

William L. Worcester was in New York city, Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore during the past week.

Miss Nellie Cartwright, of the vital statistics division, is having an enjoyable vacation, going to Boston by sea, then will spend several weeks at Old Orchard Beach, Me., and vicinity.

Miss Martin, of the vital statistics division, has been detailed to Worcester, Mass., on the census work.

Miss Julia V. Battles is recuperating at Cascade, Md., and hopes to return to the office in a few days much benefited in health.

Samuel Wood is off to Atlantic City for a few days.

Mrs. Annie Childs is spending a fortnight at Atlantic City, before going on detail work at Pittsburgh.

Miss George is having her vacation in Baltimore and vicinity.

WE'LL CALL YOU.

Please pass the apple cobbler.—Hagertown (Md.) Mail.

Oh, not necessarily.—Those Marylanders have inclusive tastes.—Indianapolis Association.—Baltimore Sun.

Cut it out, you fellows! You'd better look over the top of a tall stein.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Why not at the bottom of it?—Chicago Record.

District Building

Nothing delights the Engineer Commissioner, Col. John Biddle, more than to throw a leg over a spirited steed after a hard day's work at deciding engineering problems and municipal questions and dash off, West Point fashion, to the sylvan shade and smooth roads of Rock Creek Park for an evening's canter. The colonel considers the park his own ballfield, and a special bridge leading from his office at the District Building to its winding roadways would not be entirely out of place in his official mind. In view of more pressing street improvements, however, this suggestion will not be taken up at present.

The game of golf, indulged in by his colleague, Commissioner West, and the oratorical exercise with which the president of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Macfarland, charms his audiences, have in no ways for him, and to his mind cannot be compared with a dash over the Potomac river drive or a climb at the ramparts of Fort de Russy in the park. After this strenuous leg work the colonel is ready to eat a dinner, play bridge whist, or build a bridge, he is not particular which.

Several years ago the entire building was overrun with these insects, they seemed to multiply faster than the combined concentrated powders and liquid poisons could dispose of them, until a little old man with the unmistakable swagger of a sailor approached the authorities with a proposition to rid them of the bugs or make no charge for his work. He insisted, however, that he must have full way for the time being, and gaining his point, went to work.

He had a great bellows and powder by the barrel. Going systematically about his work he filled every nook and crevice with the powder which he claimed to manufacture himself. Book shelves, drawers, private lockers, every place was pried into by him and plentifully sprinkled with his deadly compound, no place escaping his vigilant eye.

For a time following his progress through the building the bugs seemed more numerous than ever, but in the course of a week they had entirely disappeared and although that was more than a year ago not one was seen until about six weeks ago. Then they returned in greater numbers than ever, and now are swarming over everything, destroying valuable records and occasioning many shivers to run down the backs of sensitive employees.

As the Pied Piper of Bugville filled towers, lunches, and other private property with his everywhere present powder, employees were unanimous in the opinion that if the General could be forced to have the insects, but with the return of the bugs in never before heard of numbers opinion has changed and it now is almost a matter of ridding the building of the intruders or some of the employees will have to vacate. A search is being made for the little man with his powder puff, and as he was formerly an enlisted man in the Navy Department the sister branch of the service has been appealed to for his address.

Persons Coming and Going.

William D. Searle, the appointment clerk of the department, is now enjoying a well-earned vacation. He slipped away about a week ago without leaving his address, being desirous of getting away from all that could in any way remind him of the office and work. Mr. Searle is a much admired official and his host of friends in this city is added to by the fact that he spent many years of his boyhood here and graduated from old Columbian University, now the George Washington University, before completing his course in one of the universities of the North.

E. C. Crandall, of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, is back at his desk and is telling great stories of wonderful things in southern Wisconsin. Of course it is needless to say that southern Wisconsin is the part of the country from which Mr. Crandall hails, Fort Atkinson and surrounding towns having many pleasant memories for him.

Other members of the Insular Bureau who are departing on their annual are B. C. Thomas, who left the city Friday to remain away until September 7, and L. V. Carmack, who from yesterday will be free to do his own bidding until August 25.

George W. Salter, of the military secretary's office, left Friday for a month's vacation near Western, R. I., the place that has been his summer resting and recreation ground for several years past.

The Rev. Charles G. Prentiss, of the Military Secretary's office, will occupy the pulpit of Antioch Baptist Church August 19 and 20, during the absence of the pastor on his vacation.

Alonso Francis Getty has returned to duty in a much improved condition, the result, he believes, of the baths at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., where he has been summering.

F. B. Wheaton, the advisory architect of the Quartermaster General's office,

Miss G. W. Thomas, B. F. Adams, A. Bradshaw, W. S. Bouscaren, W. J. Trueman, and F. M. Langston, of their respective divisions, are on their annual recreation jaunts to seaside, countryside, mountain, and dale. Miss Thomas is tasting the pleasures of Atlantic City for a thirty days' stay; Mr. Adams will be with his folks up in the green hills of New Hampshire until September 4; Mr. White is giving the farmers down in Virginia a few valued pointers on how to grow crops, and Mr. Bouscaren is surprising the natives down at Asheville, N. C., with a few feats of mountain climbing, while the rest are scattered at various places over the four points of the compass.

On Bridge Whist Campaign.

Assistant Assessor Frank Nye, accompanied by his pet bull terrier, Prince Carl, and taking along twelve cream-colored flannel suits, a like number of pairs of white shoes, and six whist decks, stole away to Atlantic City last Monday. That night Frank joined the bridge players at the Marlborough-Blenheim, and since then, according to Colonel Helm, has kept up the winning streak that characterized his play when he was bidding so successfully for the whist honors in this city last winter.

Unless Mayor Stey, of that enterprising metropolis, decides to put bridge under his official ban, the Assistant Assessor is likely to come back with a few Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York, and possibly Ocala, Iowa, scalps dangling at his belt.

Buying House Supplies.

The housekeeper of the District service, Property Clerk Marion Hargrove, is one of the busiest of the busy District building workers these hot August days.

Water bugs have descended upon the mighty tabernacle of the great American Army and captured it. Everywhere, from the basement up to even the sacred precincts of the Secretary's office the unwelcome creatures are in full possession, and despite the splattering and crushing of continual carnage the insects are in undisputed possession of the field and their opponents are for the time being utterly routed. Cries of distress have reached the ears of outlooks in the nation of the floating fighters and a plan of campaign is under way for a relief expedition.

Several years ago the entire building was overrun with these insects, they seemed to multiply faster than the combined concentrated powders and liquid poisons could dispose of them, until a little old man with the unmistakable swagger of a sailor approached the authorities with a proposition to rid them of the bugs or make no charge for his work. He insisted, however, that he must have full way for the time being, and gaining his point, went to work.

He had a great bellows and powder by the barrel. Going systematically about his work he filled every nook and crevice with the powder which he claimed to manufacture himself. Book shelves, drawers, private lockers, every place was pried into by him and plentifully sprinkled with his deadly compound, no place escaping his vigilant eye.

For a time following his progress through the building the bugs seemed more numerous than ever, but in the course of a week they had entirely disappeared and although that was more than a year ago not one was seen until about six weeks ago. Then they returned in greater numbers than ever, and now are swarming over everything, destroying valuable records and occasioning many shivers to run down the backs of sensitive employees.

As the Pied Piper of Bugville filled towers, lunches, and other private property with his everywhere present powder, employees were unanimous in the opinion that if the General could be forced to have the insects, but with the return of the bugs in never before heard of numbers opinion has changed and it now is almost a matter of ridding the building of the intruders or some of the employees will have to vacate. A search is being made for the little man with his powder puff, and as he was formerly an enlisted man in the Navy Department the sister branch of the service has been appealed to for his address.

Persons Coming and Going.

William D. Searle, the appointment clerk of the department, is now enjoying a well-earned vacation. He slipped away about a week ago without leaving his address, being desirous of getting away from all that could in any way remind him of the office and work. Mr. Searle is a much admired official and his host of friends in this city is added to by the fact that he spent many years of his boyhood here and graduated from old Columbian University, now the George Washington University, before completing his course in one of the universities of the North.

E. C. Crandall, of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, is back at his desk and is telling great stories of wonderful things in southern Wisconsin. Of course it is needless to say that southern Wisconsin is the part of the country from which Mr. Crandall hails, Fort Atkinson and surrounding towns having many pleasant memories for him.

Other members of the Insular Bureau who are departing on their annual are B. C. Thomas, who left the city Friday to remain away until September 7, and L. V. Carmack, who from yesterday will be free to do his own bidding until August 25.

George W. Salter, of the military secretary's office, left Friday for a month's vacation near Western, R. I., the place that has been his summer resting and recreation ground for several years past.

The Rev. Charles G. Prentiss, of the Military Secretary's office, will occupy the pulpit of Antioch Baptist Church August 19 and 20, during the absence of the pastor on his vacation.

Alonso Francis Getty has returned to duty in a much improved condition, the result, he believes, of the baths at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., where he has been summering.

F. B. Wheaton, the advisory architect of the Quartermaster General's office,

Miss G. W. Thomas, B. F. Adams, A. Bradshaw, W. S. Bouscaren, W. J. Trueman, and F. M. Langston, of their respective divisions, are on their annual recreation jaunts to seaside, countryside, mountain, and dale. Miss Thomas is tasting the pleasures of Atlantic City for a thirty days' stay; Mr. Adams will be with his folks up in the green hills of New Hampshire until September 4; Mr. White is giving the farmers down in Virginia a few valued pointers on how to grow crops, and Mr. Bouscaren is surprising the natives down at Asheville, N. C., with a few feats of mountain climbing, while the rest are scattered at various places over the four points of the compass.

On Bridge Whist Campaign.

Assistant Assessor Frank Nye, accompanied by his pet bull terrier, Prince Carl, and taking along twelve cream-colored flannel suits, a like number of pairs of white shoes, and six whist decks, stole away to Atlantic City last Monday. That night Frank joined the bridge players at the Marlborough-Blenheim, and since then, according to Colonel Helm, has kept up the winning streak that characterized his play when he was bidding so successfully for the whist honors in this city last winter.

Unless Mayor Stey, of that enterprising metropolis, decides to put bridge under his official ban, the Assistant Assessor is likely to come back with a few Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York, and possibly Ocala, Iowa, scalps dangling at his belt.

Buying House Supplies.

The housekeeper of the District service, Property Clerk Marion Hargrove, is one of the busiest of the busy District building workers these hot August days.

left Friday night for Squirrel Inn, Squirrel's Island, Me., where he will remain for the greater part of a month.

Capt. Robert Armour, who is in charge of the finance branch of the same office, has also started on his summer outing. He left Saturday night, but will return in something over two weeks.

H. D. Statham, who is also in Mr. Armour's branch, departed about the same time for Cape May, where he expects to find many friends awaiting him.

H. H. Martin, of the returns branch, has gone to Harpers Ferry, W. Va., where he will remain until the early days of September.

W. S. McFarlan believes that there are lots of summer places of sojourn less desirable than Washington, and will spend his vacation in the city resting. He has been granted leave for twenty-four days, beginning August 17.

H. M. Fridley is at Colonial Beach, where he has been since the 4th of the month. He has but fifteen days' leave, and is another of those who believe that vacation time is the time to get entirely away from the office, where he is in charge of the cable code and other important work in the office of the chief clerk of the Quartermaster General's office. Mr. Fridley was in Manila with General Humphrey and was much prized by him.

Emil C. Schneider, of the construction and repair branch, will take his leave on the 26th of the month and will be gone for full twenty-four days prescribed by office regulations.

George L. Townsend is planning to leave his work in the cemetery branch of the office on the 10th of the month for a run over to Cape May. He will be gone nearly a month.

Emil H. Block will go to Atlantic City on the 24th to stay an equal time. Mr. Block is in the regular supplies branch of the office.

Another of the employees of the clothing and equipage branch to desert the office yesterday was Amos Tyree, who will be away for fifteen days.

George A. Anthony returned yesterday from an inspection trip along the Connecticut coast. Mr. Anthony is an expert on steam vessels and their crews, and a large part of his time is spent traveling for the department. He is reported to be the most traveled man in the Quartermaster General's office.

C. H. Stone, of the draftsman division, began his vacation on Saturday of last week, but will return to his desk the latter part of the month.

F. A. Ellison, of the construction and repair branch of the Quartermaster General's office, returned to his desk last Monday. He spent a pleasant vacation with relatives in Kansas, and appears much benefited by his trip.

William Hart, one of the oldest employees in the service of the Quartermaster's depot on Seventeenth street, has been dangerously ill for several weeks past, but at last reports are convalescing. Mr. Hart is the cashier of the depot.

Thomas B. Depray, brother of Major Depray, retired, of Florida, is spending his vacation in New York, with occasional visits to Coney Island, Long Beach, and other Jersey coast resorts.

Percy Moore and R. Z. Doty, of the depot force, were the recipients during the past week of congratulations on their promotions, of which they have been officially advised.

William L. Ayresworth, of the depot, has been granted twenty days' leave of absence, to take effect about August 26.

L. D. Dore has made application for eighteen days' leave, beginning September 20.

J. G. McFadden has been missed from the office of the chief clerk of the War Department during the past week. He is at Atlantic City on his vacation, and will be gone about three weeks.

C. H. Carrington has gone to Lake Chautauque, N. Y., where he will remain throughout the month of August.

Just now, he is purchasing the kitchen equipment for the new Home for the Aged and Infirm, located on the hillside down by Shepherd's Landing. Because of the discriminating eaters they expect to entertain down there, the energetic housekeeper says he must select the dishes, pots, and pans with unusual care, which he adds, will delay his vacation until late in September.

Ralph Pratt, of the executive offices, has tacked a sign on his desk which reads, "R. Pratt, Notary Public." Hereafter, on dull days Ralph will have his notary seal working as a side line.

Personal Notes.

W. T. Ferguson, of the Electrical Department, with Mrs. Ferguson and the three-month-old pride of the Ferguson household, sped away yesterday for a thirty days' stay in the mountains near Martinsburg, W. Va. As the electric electro-magnet mixers know him, expressed himself as delighted to get away from the hum of the District wires and phones for the one-month allotment. He will go after some mountain climbing records while away, as he gave it out before leaving.

Mrs. Bailey, of Dr. Tindall's office, is spending ten days with friends in Atlantic City.

UBIQUITY OF THE HUMAN HOG.

The seasons pass in opulent procession, parties and governments succeed each other, thrones totter, dynasties peter out, but the human hog survives all change and accident. He is as superior to argument and denunciation as the whiskey drinker is to prohibition laws or the gambler to municipal prosecution. He does not limit his activities to street cars. He is omnipresent, pervading indomitable. No pentup Ulica confines his powers. He ravages alike the public library and the drawing room. He is everywhere, like high temperatures, mosquitoes and bad spells.—Arizona Journal.

HAS KNOTTY PROBLEMS



JOHN C. SCOFIELD,

Chief Clerk of the War Department, Back From Vacation.

John C. Scofield, who, as chief clerk of the War Department, has supervision of its business methods, has settled down to work with renewed vigor, following his short vacation. Several knotty problems have been presented to him, and he is taking advantage of a temporary lull in the pressure of business to give them his serious consideration. Under the old regime, with both the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of War away, the chief clerk would have been acting secretary, but with the advent of the general staff those duties devolved upon the chief of staff until a few months ago, when, because of Major Gen. F. C. Ainsworth being the ranking officer at the department, the President directed that in the absence of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of War the Military Secretary should be acting Secretary of War.

Mr. Carrington has made his pilgrimage for some years past although he is not a member of the Chautauque Literary circle.

Assistant Secretary of War Oliver is not expected back at his desk until the day following Labor Day.

James E. Douglas, who was to have started on his vacation a week ago deferred his departure until last night, when he left over the Southern for Skyland, Tenn. He was accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. Z. D. Bucher and Miss Mary C. Douglas. Mr. Douglas is employed in the Tenth street office of the Record and Pension division.

Both C. R. Olberg and H. S. Wright started on their vacations at the same time and will return at the expiration of their twenty-four days' leave.

Miss Florence Webster is at Cape May this week. She will be back on the 26th. Miss Webster is employed in the construction and repair branch.

E. M. Rosenquist, of the transport branch, will leave August 27 for a trip that will embrace New York, Toronto, and other Northern points.

Paul D. Connor, of the construction and repair branch, will also go to New York, leaving here about the 30th of the month. He will return about the middle of September.

Mark Howland, chief clerk of the Quartermaster's depot, is slowly recovering from a severe operation which was recently performed for the removal of a growth from the liver. About a month ago he took a long trip through the West Indies in the hope of securing relief, but the surgeons upon his return thought the operation imperative. During Mr. Howland's absence F. W. Mattison has been acting chief clerk of the office, but Mr. Mattison is now enjoying a two weeks' leave and is fishing at St. George's Island.

Joseph C. Hardie is now acting chief clerk of Captain Butt. He is the shipping clerk of the office and an expert on transportation. Upon the return of Mr. Mattison he will arrange for fifteen days' leave, beginning September 1.

For the last year C. W. Bartlett, of the division of appointments, has assisted a friend in the building of a new thirty-six foot gasoline launch, which is now almost ready for use. He expects to launch it some time within the coming week. As yet it is not named. He states that this boat has taken as much time and labor to build as an ordinary six-room house.

Personal Notes.

Miss Anna E. Black, of the application division, returned August 8 from a four weeks' vacation at her home in Circleville, Ohio.

Spencer E. Bomar, who attended the military